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## **AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 26, 2002, please enter the following amendment and consider the appended remarks.

## IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 2 and 20 without prejudice and amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A database managing apparatus comprising:

attribution record group forming means for classifying data, which is requested to be stored into a database, according to attributions defined in the database, and for making plural attribution record groups corresponding to each of the attributions;